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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE (PPA)
10 PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1407

11 This document relates to:
12 Anderson, et al. v. American Home
13 Products Corp., et al.,
14 No. 02-651

ORDER DISMISSING
PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS FOR
FAILURE TO PROSECUTE

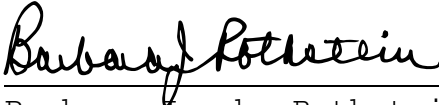
15 This matter comes before the court on the Order to Show Cause
16 issued in this matter on May 16, 2005. That order required the
17 plaintiff, Anna Ford, to show cause why this matter should not be
18 dismissed for failure to prosecute. The court received no responsive
19 briefing to the Order to Show Cause.

20 Since the court granted Ms. Ford's attorneys' motion to
21 withdraw on January 21, 2003, Ms. Ford has represented herself *pro*
22 *se* in this action. The court mailed a copy of the May 16, 2005 Order
23 to Show Cause to Ms. Ford at the address listed on the docket sheet,
24 which her attorneys had provided as her last known address. The mail
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1 was returned marked "Not Deliverable As Addressed." Although it is
2 possible that Ms. Ford never received the Order to Show Cause, the
3 court cannot keep Ms. Ford's case open indefinitely, in case she
4 decides to pursue it at a later date. Such a course of action places
5 an undeserved burden on defendants, and diminishes the efficiency of
6 the court system. Ms. Ford has an obligation to attend to her case,
7 which includes keeping the court informed as to changes in her
8 address. See, e.g., King v. Atiyeh, 814 F. 2d 565, 567 (9th Cir.
9 1987) ("Pro se litigants must follow the same rules of procedure
10 that govern other litigants.").

11 The court, being fully advised, hereby ORDERS that all of
12 plaintiff Anna Ford's claims are DISMISSED with prejudice.

13 DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 6th day of July, 2005.

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16 Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
17 U.S. District Court Judge
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